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Coffee County BOE selects chairman and vice chairman for FY2003

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education began its annual meeting Thursday evening, Nov. 7, with a swearing-in ceremony for newly elected board members. However, the ceremony was filled with familiar faces as the incumbents returned to office.

District One member Charles Walker and District Seven member Danny Jernigan each were re-elected to office Tuesday, Nov. 5, and Coffee County Probate Judge William Gammill began the county board of education meeting Thursday evening by swearing these men back into office for the next six years.

Walker and Jernigan found themselves being elected once more during the annual meeting when they were selected unanimously by their peers to serve as chairman and vice chairman of the board for the Fiscal Year 2003.

Walker will serve as chairman, and Jernigan will serve as vice chairman.

During the October meeting

of the board, Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram expressed her "wish list" for capital projects within the school system, and board members asked her talk with the principals of the schools and return with a priority list for the projects.

Ingram brought that list to the meeting Thursday evening and began by telling board members it appears the roof leaking problem at New Brockton Elementary School has been resolved.

At the last meeting, Ingram informed board members that the roof at New Brockton Elementary had been leaking around the area where the air conditioning units sit on top of the flat roof. At that point, board members asked the superintendent to get some figures from the school system's architect regarding the cost of removing the units from the top of the building and replacing the flat

roof with a pitched roof. It was also suggested that the maintenance department try sealing the blocks around the a/c units.

Thursday evening, Ingram said the blocks around the air conditioning units had been sealed. She continued by telling board members that following the first rain there was a minor drip, so the maintenance employees returned to the top of the roof with the sealant again. She said no sign of a leak has been noticed since that time.

In presenting the figures for replacing the roof at the school, Ingram said the approximate cost would be \$485,000 to replace the flat roof with a pitched metal roof.

"If we have the leak fixed, this is a project we can put on hold," Ingram said. "When the flat roof wears out, we can work towards this."

Board members seemed to agree that as long as the leak is fixed, the school system can hold off on spending the money to have the roof replaced at this time.

Ingram continued the discussion by telling board members that she is still very interested in the lobby project at Zion Chapel Elementary School.

She said the school system's architect has looked at an approximate cost for creating a

receptionist's area in the front lobby, moving the principal's office up to the front of the building and walling the library area to create more shelving. She said this project should cost approximately \$49,000 or less if

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Sorry, but we don't have the official answer on the governor's race either. As do most Alabamians, we have opinions, but only our friends are asking for those... the people who will ultimately make the legal decisions on the winner of the Alabama governor's race are apparently not aware of all our festering (and real good) opinions!

Seriously folks, we do have some strong opinions on this issue, which should be shared by every Alabamian. While each of us voted on our favorite candidate, the voting is now over and it is time for democracy to prevail! In other words, we want the candidate who really got the most votes to be the next governor of Alabama. Herein is the problem however, each of the two major candidates claims to have received the most votes.

Unfortunately, the officials in Baldwin County used awful judgment, to say the least. Looking back, here is what they should have done upon spotting a problem. They should have called all the involved people... political parties, certified poll watchers, etc. back to watch the rerunning of the numbers. THEN they should never have certified the election before breakfast Wednesday morning, and behind closed, locked doors! They should have slowed down the process, giving these same individuals, plus others who might be interested, plenty of time to gather and watch the certifying. If we were being honest with the election counting, we would want everyone to know that we were trying to do it correctly. As it now stands the history books will forever carry references to this confused election tabulation and point to Baldwin County officials... a heck of a way to get your name in the history books!

All the above expounding on how to solve election problems and it is not time to admit we missed our prediction on the Elba wet-dry vote! When the petitions were first filed, we predicted the town would go wet. Then as things dug on and people stopped talking about the issue, that was taken to mean they had begun to sour on the idea. How wrong we were! As it turned out they had apparently voiced their opinions and were only biding time until the matter came to a vote. It did and they did. Elba is now officially an alcohol selling community. However, it will be several months before ABC agents and city officials work out the exact guidelines and start taking applications for licenses to sell alcoholic beverages.

The Republican Party has taken over both houses of congress, as of January. Hopefully they will not pull the same stunts they pulled the last time this happened... the spouting off by their leaders came back to haunt them time and time again... at least until the American voters got their attention by sending a bunch of Republicans home.

Continually news reports are cropping up about the positive health benefits of garlic, onions and a lot of other herbs. We remember as a child hearing an old woman everyone thought was a nut talk about the health benefits of the clove of garlic tied around her neck. Now we find she wasn't such a nut after all! The positive side of this is that we can now get garlic products without the foul odor. This makes it possible for you or me to have the benefits of the garlic and not offend everyone for half a mile with the garlic breath! We can eat garlic while drinking our black tea, seasoned with oregano, or with something else that will cure what ails us. Yet if past reports are any guide, within a few months we will hear some other expert report say that this stuff will put horns on our head... or something. Just look at how the nutrition experts batter coffee around. Right now the popular notion is that it is good for the brain. Some time back, it was causing cancer. The saga goes on. Just consume whatever you are consuming in moderation... that seems to be the safest bet.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of November 4, 2002, through November 10, 2002. They were: Francis Hudson Johnson, Linda Tillis, Annice A. Emory, Kathy Parker, Kenneth Johnson, Melissa Money, Patricia Beckworth, Marquita Burks, Petty Wambles, Charles Jones, Christopher Johnson, Bryon Stevens, Kathryn Boothe, Jessie Stackhouse, Shirley Hopkins, Ryan Hartman and Sara Jimmerson.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Lillie Mae Wade, Nellie Martin, Annie Smith, Donnie Stinson, Deborah Saddle, Betty Driggers, Amanda Frazier, Par Beckworth, Francis Johnson, Alma Wise, Kathy Parker, Linda Tillis, Kenneth Johnson, Annice Emory, Jessie Stackhouse, Charles Jones, Christopher Johnson, Bryon Stevens, Kathryn Boothe, Jessie Stackhouse, Shirley Hopkins, Ryan Hartman and Sara Jimmerson.

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6 Months - \$9, including city & state tax
Alabama Counties - \$19 per year - including tax
6 months - \$10
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"Dune Buggy" the Clown coming to Elba Christmas Festival

Entertainment is a big part of the annual Christmas Festival in Elba, and this year will be no different as a variety of entertainers will be on hand Saturday, Nov. 30.

A new attraction this year will be "Dune Buggy." The Clown, He will perform throughout the day, and bring his Peanut Power Tractor Pull for the children to enjoy.

A professional clown, musician, balloon sculptor and entertainer, "Dune Buggy" the Magic Clown's Peanut Circus, alias Col. Jim Russell has been presenting Peanut Circus Shows at schools, company picnics, conventions, banquets, fairs, festivals etc. throughout the U.S. and Canada.

"Dune Buggy" is the

Ambassador of Georgia Peanuts and a consumer spokesperson for the Georgia Peanut Commission and the Peanut Advisory Board.

notes peanuts, peanut products, peanut nutrition and "the Peanut Circus" membership fan club. The Peanut Circus is administered and is the sole property of the Georgia Peanut Commission. Every child who attends a

Peanut Circus will receive an application to join the "Peanut Circus" and a color picture of "Dune Buggy."

"Dune Buggy" has been a clown for over 39 years. Clowning as a hobby became a full-time occupation in 1978.

Col Russell is a native of Nashville, Tennessee and a graduate of Middle Tennessee

State University. "Dune Buggy" says, "The good Lord has given me a little talent and the ability to make folks smile and laugh. I have tried to share this with others. It is a good feeling to cause

smiles and laughter to children and adults. He entertains all ages and truly *All The World Love A Clown*!"

"Dune Buggy" with his Peanut Circus presents entertainment for all ages!



The Peanut Pedal Tractor Pull is an exciting part of Dune Buggy's show and will be available for the children to enjoy at the 15th Annual Elba Christmas Festival on Saturday, Nov. 30.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 4, 2002, investigated the following incidents: two for domestic violence, one trespassing, one missing person and one assault.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence, one for assault and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for driving with no driver's license, one for improper tag, sixteen for no insurance, ten for speeding, four for driving with a suspended driver's license, two for an expired tag, one for tag, two for violation of the seat belt law, one for violation of the noise ordinance, one for a switched tag, one for driver's license not in possession, two for no proof of insurance and one for driving with a revoked driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4: Alarm activated at Kelly Foods Processing, Building A (5:48 a.m.); River stage 6:22 feet (6:13 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5: Loud noises reported across

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• **ROTAARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - 3rd Office
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy, Ala.
• **MASONIC LODGE 176** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
• **BAND ROASTERS** - 1st Wed. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon @ 1230 - 430 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-9289
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 2nd Thursday at noon, Delacell Hangar at the Airport
• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday at 1st of the month
• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room
• **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Wiregrass SHHH to hold meeting Thursday, Nov. 21

The Wiregrass Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) group will meet Thursday, November 21, 2002 7-8 p.m. Special guest will be Russ Robinson, a Hearing Instrument Specialist. The meeting will be held at the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, 111 Medical Drive, Dothan, Ala. The group is open to anyone who has hearing loss or has friends or family members with hearing loss. The goal of the group is to provide education about hearing loss, technology, and coping skills. For more information, please contact Jennifer Fanning at 334-677-6270.

WARNING!!

Check with your local law enforcement agency on the legitimacy of organizations seeking donations during this season of the year.

Sometimes you can get too much of a good thing.



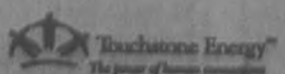
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As a veteran of Vietnam and former Marine, I would like to thank Elba Elementary School, Mickey McCollough, Tom Maddox and the sixth grade band, Marsha Oggs, students, and the entire staff who took part and put this year's Veterans' Day program together.

I have attended the last several years, and I think this year was best.

I want to thank the school for allowing the students to show

their Reverence to God and the Respect for our Veterans who served their Country. This program was heart touching and "my hat is off to you all!"

Looking forward to next year

Ray Kyle (USMC, Vietnam)

SHARE YOUR VIEWS - WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Ingram said this project will eliminate that concern and building walls for the library will allow for more shelving for the books, which the superintendent said the library is in dire need of at the time.

Other projects mentioned included the air conditioning for the auditorium and a new lunch room at New Brockton. Ingram said she needs to speak with Rep. Terry Spicer and Senator Jimmy Holley about funds they can help acquire for the air conditioning project, and she said the lunchroom project will simply cost too much for the school system to consider at this time.

As for what the principals of each school had to say about priority projects, Ingram said they all appear satisfied with the things currently being worked on at each school. Therefore, she made the recommendation that the board approve a motion to allow her to proceed with the Zion Chapel lobby project by having specifications drawn up for the project.

I agree with Dr. Ingram in that the need is there at Zion Chapel," board member Larry Eddins said.

Eddins then made a motion to allow the superintendent to work with Bill Wallace, architect, in designing the plans to close in the library at Zion Chapel Elementary School and move the administrative offices up front with a receptionist's area being built in the front lobby. He received a second from Jermain, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

In her business, the board

* Approved a motion to sell the oldest portable building at New Brockton Elementary School for \$12,000 to Wallace Community College for its truck driving satellite site.

* Approved the use of at-risk funds for programs provided at the Coffee County School System by the Coffee County Extension Service, Charles Henderson Child Health Center and Coffee County Family Services Center.

AGATHA YARBROUGH SKINNER

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CHURCH NEWS

New Haven Baptist Church to host gospel singing Saturday, November 16

Gospel singing will be held at the New Haven Baptist Church, 11100 Highway 84, Elba, on Saturday, November 16, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Bazaar to be held at St. Luke United Methodist Church November 23

The St. Luke United Methodist Church will hold a Holiday Bazaar from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on November 23, 2002, at the church, 11100 Highway 84, Elba, on Saturday, November 23, 2002.

South Baptist Church will hold a Thanksgiving Supper & Gospel Singing November 16

The South Baptist Church will hold a Thanksgiving Supper & Gospel Singing on Saturday, November 16, 2002, at 6:00 p.m.

Benefit Barbecue planned November 16 at Elba Church of God

The Church of God will be holding a Benefit Barbecue on Sunday, November 16, 2002, at 11:00 a.m. at the church, 11100 Highway 84, Elba, on Sunday, November 16, 2002.

Benefit Boston Butt sale sponsored by Jack Assembly & Zoar Holiness Church

The Assembly of God and Zoar Holiness Churches are sponsoring a benefit Boston Butt sale on Saturday, November 23, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. at the Jack Assembly of God Fellowship hall. For tickets contact members of Jack Assembly of God and Zoar Holiness.

Deadline for Church News is Monday!!!!

Special Persons Bazaar Thursday, Nov. 21 10:00 am - 1:30 pm Food Items, Crafts, White Elephant Sale

For Lunch: P.B.Q. Sandwiches, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Tuna or Vegetable Soup, Chili, Homemade Desserts. Call For Orders to be picked up: 897-2219

Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

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Scripture: John 6:1-14

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Leo Henderson, Earl Kelley, Lela Tyson, Rev. Charles Lane, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Rev. J. Magwood, Wallace Belcher, Evelyn Manning, Ernest Ellison Sr., O.B. Daniels, Rosie Daniels and Della Magwood.

***November Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries: Ernest Williams - November 11, Ke Shawn Wright - November 16, Thomas Brooks - November 16, Ed Ray Williams - November 16, and Eric Cooper - November 17.

***Annual Deacons and Deaconess Day will be held at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Brundage, Ala. on Sunday, November 17, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

***Annual Martin Day Tea will be held Sunday, November 24, 2002, 5:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Rucker Blvd., Enterprise, Ala.)

Pick up or delivery available. For more information call 897-2989.

Homemade cakes and pies will also be available for purchase on the day of pick-up. The proceeds from this event will be used toward expenses incurred during the death of Melinda Whittington Jones.

Ricky Williams

***Ricky Williams is 16 years old. At the age of twelve he was diagnosed with Cerebella Ataxia. Ricky's illness degenerates the brain and causes him to have muscle degeneration. He was hospitalized for 22 days. Ricky is at home with his mother. She must keep close watch on him at all times. Ricky can not move or eat and he only weighs fifty pounds. Sharon Williams, his mother, needs help. She is trying to keep 14-17. Ricky is comfortable as she can Ricky's father is in the nursing home with the same illness. If you would like to give a donation call Virginia Gips at 1-334-493-6755. A benefit program for Little Ricky Williams

Church Directory

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Denny Sherrill, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Jimmy Simmons, Minister Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROHECY J. E. Wesley, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Afternoon: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Rev. Roy Davis Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH Rick Hayes, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ake, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	INO BAPTIST CHURCH Gerry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
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Change.....

I chose this topic because we live in a changing society. I must admit there are positive and negative changes, it depends what you are on. I would like to impress upon you today that there are some things that need to be changed, and some things will never change. Below are 10 suggestions why people do not like change.

1. They feel threatened.
2. They feel out of control.
3. Too much uncertainty.
4. What will it mean for me?
5. Is it faith?
6. Will it disrupt my routine?
7. May make them feel they were wrong in the past.
8. It was not my idea.
9. They never heard of that before.
10. They are not willing to put forth the effort

The need for change, should we change for the sake of change? (No). However, a case could be made for change because of the fact that our society is changing, therefore, a change must take place in the church. There can no longer be just routine services, routine messages. Many people are satisfied with the way things are, because it never disrupts their lives. The prophet Amos warns the children of Israel "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion" (Amos 6:1). We live in a secular society where "ease" has become a merit. The life of Riley, a lazy boy chair job case, money case, easy living yes even easy church services. Our recent election proves that we are changing our values. We are saying right is wrong and wrong is right. I must admit that there is a need for positive change. I think God that there are some things that will never change such as, God's Word, heaven and earth will pass away, but His Word will never change. Let's be about a positive change according to God's Word.

The Down East Boys to be in concert at Country Cathedral

The Down East Boys, from Reidsville, N.C., will be featured in a gospel music concert Thursday, November 21, 7:00 p.m. at Country Cathedral on Highway 84 in Opp, Ala. For more information call 334-393-3420 or 334-493-7413. Everyone is invited to attend.

Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. to honor Marcus Reese

Annual Appreciation for Marcus Reese will be held at Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C., 747 Adams Street in Elba, on November 16, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. Special guests include: Carver High School Choir, Rev. Andrie Reynolds and TFW, and Minister Prince Yelder. For more information contact Connie Banks at 897-0330.

LIFESTYLES

Coffee County Arts Alliance presents Nneena Freelon

The Coffee County Arts Alliance presents Grammy-nominated jazz vocalist Nneena Freelon, November 18, 2002 at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium. Enterprise, Alabama. Ms. Freelon fuses jazz, soul, and gospel into a keenly sculptured eclectic performance, interpreting works of composers such as Stevie Wonder, Burt Bacharach, Nat King Cole, and Harold Arlen.

Known for her innovative interpretations, Freelon explores the depth of Stevie Wonder's classic compositions in her newest CD, "Tales of Wonder." She gives tribute to Stevie Wonder's legendary songs such as My Cherie Amour, The Tears of a Clown, Black Orchid, Superstition and Limit You Come Back to Me, to name a few.

Nneena made her feature film debut in the Mel Gibson hit, "What Women Want," and did a poignant remake of Sinatra's classic "Fly Me to the Moon" for THE VISIT starring Billy Dee Williams. She is the winner of both the Billie Holiday Award from the prestigious Academie Du Jazz (France) and the Eubie Blake Award.

For information, call 334-393-2797.

Tickets are available at Enterprise, David's Westgate Beauty Salon (406-1617), The Framery (347-7800), & Plain n' Fancy Gift Shop (347-4438) Ft. Rucker, ITR, Soldier Service Center (255-2971) Elba; The Jewel Box (897-2300) Dalton; Northcutt's On Main (793-9538).



Judy Griffin

Griffin-Donaldson wedding to be held Saturday, December 28, in Florida

Judy Griffin and John Donaldson announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Judy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Allen Dawson, Sr., of Paxton, Fla. She is employed as an administrative assistant at a hospital in Florida. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles David Donaldson of Opp, Ala. He is employed as a teacher and coach at Zion Chapel High School.



Pictured left to right: Sarah Donaldson, Sharon Fillmon, Carrie Nguyen Devers-honoree & Paula Bryant

Mrs. Carrie Devers honored with miscellaneous bridal shower recently

Mrs. Carrie Nguyen Devers, bride of James Devers, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower on Sunday afternoon, October 6, 2002. This special occasion took place in the fellowship hall of New Ebenezer Baptist Church in the Curtis Community. The entry door was adorned with white wedding bells accented with white ribbon. The guest were greeted at the registry by Mrs. Kaye Mixon and Mrs. Jimmie Lou Cowen. The registry table was a beautiful array of white satin and an Army Navy lace overlay embellished with a crystal

domed English garden containing a porcelain bride and groom. The guest enjoyed delicious dainties from the beautifully appointed refreshment table covered with white satin and Army Navy lace overlay. A crystal vase displayed an arrangement of white daisies with green centers, green button poms, tulips, spring ferns and bear grass. Refreshing punch was served from a crystal bowl along with miniature chicken salad and pimento cheese sandwiches, speed pecans, divinity, chips and dip, a sheet cake graced the table garnished with a spray of white rose buds.

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MRS. ALSIE HUDSON PICTURED above made and donated this beautiful king size quilt that was sold by the Pine Level Senior Citizens group through donations, with the name of each person who made a donation entered into a drawing. The drawing was held September 24, during a monthly birthday party of the group. Adam Bryan of Brantley won the quilt. The \$1,000 made from the donated quilt will be used by the Pine Level Senior Citizens group to purchase some of the additional items needed to equip their beautiful new facility. Mrs. Mary Donaldson is the director of The group.

Laura Katherine Davis celebrates 1st birthday recently



Laura Katherine Davis turned a year old on September 21, 2002, and celebrated on October 13, 2002. Siblings, Caleb, Brittany and Anna Marie, along with other family members, helped Laura open her presents and watched her enjoy playing with them, as well as eating her Elmo birthday cake. Laura is the daughter of Brett and Karen Davis. Grandparents are Don and Becky Morrow, Jim and Jimmie Rhoades and Robert and Barbara Davis, all of Elba.

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Community-wide Thanksgiving Service

A Community-wide Thanksgiving Service will be held at The First Assembly of God Church on Highland Drive in Elba, Sunday evening, November 23, 6:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring can food items for the Christian Mission. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

NEW ARRIVAL



Johnathan James Pugh-Helton

Christy Pugh and John Helton both of Elba announce the birth of their son, Johnathan James Pugh-Helton. He was born on October 26, 2002 in a Crenshaw County hospital. Johnathan James weighed 7 lbs. 14 3/4 oz. and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are April McAllister, Elba; Ray McAllister, Brantley, Ala.; Lois Lee, Elba; and Larry Helton, Elba. Great-grandparents are Fanny Pugh, Elba; Loujean Taylor, Brantley and Edna Reeves, Troy.

SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editor:
Sheena Flowers

Sophomores discuss abstinence

by Brittany Cooper

This past week, Ryan Mitchell, a sex educational teacher, has been discussing abstinence with Elba High Sophomores. They have discussed sex, STDs, respect and self-discipline. They also discussed how to say no to sex and how to deal with being pressured about having sex.

The program Mitchell is involved with is called AIM, and she passed out a booklet to the Sophomores called

Choosing the Best LIFE. Inside the booklet was information concerning sex. Some of the information was about STDs and how to avoid them, what they are, and what the symptoms are.

The Sophomore class found the discussion to be very educational and full of information that will help them with future decisions concerning abstinence.

We thank Ms. Mitchell for coming to our school and teaching about this subject.

In Elba Elementary's Accelerated Reader Program

Sixth grade student becomes first to reach 100 point club

by Sheena Flowers

Jordan McBride, a 12-year-old sixth grader in Mrs. Crowe's class, is the very first person to reach the 100 point club in the Elementary Accelerated Reader Program.

Mr. McBride says he likes to read a lot, at least two books a

week, and among his favorites are Dear Mr. Crenshaw, A Walk to Remember and Harry Potter. When asked how he feels about being the first person in the club, Mr. McBride replied, "It feels great."

We are sure it does. Congratulations to Jordan McBride and keep up the good work.

In other AR news, the first graders are beginning to participate sooner than expected. This year, they are using a new system of teaching: Saxon Phonics, that is used throughout much of the country. The first graders are able to take the testing September instead of January, and they have had lots of successes with half of the group. They hope to add the rest of the children soon.



Jordan McBride

Second grade class creates wish list for the Great Pumpkin

by Mary Katherine Head

The students in Mrs. Gibson's second grade class were given a worksheet where they stated three things they would ask to be granted by the Great Pumpkin. Here's what they had to say.

Tiffany - I wish for a sister and a brother. I wish for a Jac Robinson this Halloween.

Stetson - If the Great Pumpkin granted me three wishes I would wish for a two for one, a bike, and a go-cart.

Julianne - To spend more time with my Dad. For my second wish I want a new bike. For my third wish I want everybody to have a Happy Halloween.

Steven - I wish I can see my Grandparents all the time. I wish I can get a Bike. I wish I can get a license.

Megann - I wish I could stay with my dad a lot. And I wish I could spend time with my dogs they never get love at all not even in the morning. And I wish

EHS Ambassadors help with Pumpkins on the Square

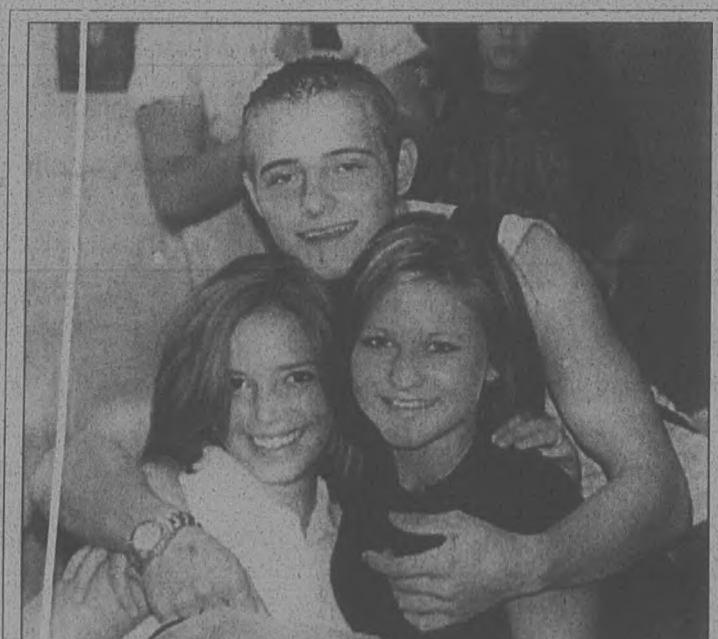
by Katie Driggers

On Halloween night, the Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsored Pumpkins on the Square. It was a night where all the kids of Elba could trick-or-treat around the square to area merchants. There were several different games and a haunted house. The EHS Ambassadors helped out by passing out candy and playing games with the kids. The turnout was amazing, and everyone had a good time.



by Kaci Grantham

Teen Read Week was successfully celebrated at Elba High School. The following students won the poster contest: Reata Gibson, Michele Aruz, Calab Bannin, Amber Coleman, Matthew Gibson, John Jared, Tia McGowan, Kayla Miller, Krystal Parker, Don Rhoades, Brandi Talley and Yousha Terry. Winners in the drawing were Caleb Bannin, a five dollar bill, Shanah Jones, an EHS planner/calendar, and Shawna Hill, a one dollar bill.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Kimberly Farris)...Hey, it's I pretty boy with some pretty girls!

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ELBACON - The Soldier Service Center (335-2997)
DORRIS - Northwest's On Main (793-8339)

This performance is made possible in part by a grant from The Alabama State Council On The Arts

Elba FFA elects officers for 2002-03

Elba High School announces the FFA Officers for the 2002-2003 school year. They are as follows (l-r): president - Blake Lambert; vice president - Colby Skinner; secretary - Andy Waddell; treasurer - Bart Barnes; reporter - Chris Brunson; sentinel - Ashton Grimes. Congratulations to these students for being selected to serve as an officer for such a large and active organization at Elba High School.



This is the award winning exhibit the Elba FFA displayed at the Alabama State Fair. An article was printed in an earlier edition of Tiger Tales concerning this achievement, but the picture was not available for use at that time.



The first graders at Elba Elementary are getting a headstart in the accelerated reader program.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Shawna Hill

This week's spotlight focuses on senior Blake Lambert. He is the 17-year-old son of Gary and Rene Lambert and a member of Basin Baptist Church.

Mr. Lambert has an occupation at National Security. He is involved in a number of activities at EHS such as Sr. Beta, VLCA, FFA president, secretary of Mu Alpha Theta and Varsity baseball. His hobbies include baseball, hunting and golf.

Congratulations to Blake Lambert!!!



Blake Lambert

Henderson set to go "down under"

by Jessica Lauren Hathcock

The Novotel Beachcomber Down Under Bowl is an annual event hosted in Australia or New Zealand each June or July. All-Star football players from all over Alabama and the rest of the United States compete for experience this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Over the past 14 years, International Sports Specialist Inc. (ISSI) has been organizing this Queensland government sponsored event. The Down Under Bowl has grown from a total of 5 states in 1989 to all 50 states being represented in 2002.

Marcus Henderson, a student and football player at Elba High, was selected for this amazing experience. Marcus was chosen by ISSI Alabama State Coach, Glyn Lott, because of his many contributions and achievements on the field and off. This is a wonderful achievement for Marcus and for the people of his community who have supported and cheered him on for many years now.

Marcus will be taking a 13-day trip to Australia, which will include 4 days and 3 nights in Sydney, Australia, and 7 days and 7 nights in Surfer's Paradise on the gold coast of Australia.

He will have the opportunity to play in two football games, interact with local people, visit popular attractions, explore a new culture and experience the native plant and animal life unique to Australia.

When asked about his accomplishment, he replied, "I am happy and very excited about going to Australia. Even though it is a lot of money to attend this, I am hoping to raise enough money by working hard and sponsors. This is a great opportunity for me, and I hope that everyone will support me in this."

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Yes! Waiting it was, for the costume contest to begin. Of course to see who would



Marcus Henderson

lose, and of course to see who would win.

It wasn't easy to pick the winner, but the decision had to be made. Picked was a total of three winners from kindergarten through the 6th grade.

The turnout was an awesome one and everyone had a ball. This one was a memorable, funny, and fashionable fall.

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At the Regional tournament, the Lady Gamecocks did an excellent job. For the first few games, several players such as Delora Moore, Connie Brown and Candace Dunn were absent because they were taking the ACT test. But when the players finally showed up, the team held strong and came in third place. New Brockton lost against Houston Academy twice to send them home.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



THE LBW JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION WILL PRESENT THE MS. LBW PAGEANT on Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Dixon Center. The talent portion of the competition will be held at 12:30 p.m. and the contestants also will participate in an interview. The public is welcome to attend and there is no admission charge. Contestants standing left to right are Robyn Johnson, Red Level; LeAnne Sharpe, Red Level; Mary Anne Davis, Andalusia; Charlene Harrison, Red Level; LaShaunda Stallworth, Opp; Kelly Worley, Andalusia; Lindsey Huber, Andalusia; Dawn Harrison, Florida; Abby Williams, McKenzie; Lindsey Cammack, Andalusia; Tyre Anderson, Dozier; Tamiko Ball, River Falls; Courtney Jones, Evergreen; Suzanne Johnson, Opp. Sitting left to right are Samantha Manning, Brantley; Lamisha Stallworth, Opp; Jameka Wright, Red Level; Nimisha Patel, Elba; Candice Woods, Andalusia.

Town of New Brockton Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 7

The Town of New Brockton will host its 2nd Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The theme of the parade will be "Christmas Around Town" and the deadline to enter a float, vehicle, equestrian unit or walking/marching unit is Monday, Nov. 19.

On the day of the parade, organizers ask that all entries arrive at the New Brockton High School no later than 3 p.m. in order to start lining up for the parade. The line up will be based on the number given to an entry after a parade application is completed and returned to a committee member.

Also, only Santa will be allowed to throw candy during the Christmas parade.

For more information or to enter a unit in the parade, contact Barbara Herron, chairman, at 894-6211; Cal Howard, co-chairman, at 894-2367; or the Town of New Brockton at 894-5283.

Kelley Foods of Alabama, Inc. names winners of "Sell-A-Way" promotion

Kelley Foods of Alabama, Inc. would like to thank the following "Sell-A-Way" promotion winners:

September 19-22, 2002: John Earl Kyles, J.C. Smith, Bob Himes, Vickie Harrison, Jeremy Hattaway, Eric Cox and Fred Mallory.

September 26-29, 2002: Donnon Thompson, Tracie Nolin, Kenneth Nolin, Thomas Jackson, Tony Thomaston and Rex Marler.

The "Sell-A-Way" promotion was established to reward team members who made the biggest contribution to their department from January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002. The winners of the "Sell-A-Way" promotion received a cruise for them and a guest to the Bahamas on Royal Caribbean Cruise line. The cruise docked in Nassau and Coco Cay for an existing day of water sports, shopping, or simply rest and relaxation. Several customers and vendors also attended the cruise. Kelley Foods would like to thank all 68 participants who went to the Bahamas as part of the "Sell-A-Way" promotion.



Tracie Nolin receives award presented by Alex Mount.



Tommy Jackson receives award presented by Davie Sutherland.

Elba Elementary School Menu Nov. 18 - 22, 2002

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon Toast, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Tuesday - Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Rice, Roll, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Starburger, Potato Rounds, Field Peas, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Turkey Dressing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, English Peas, Candied Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Bread, Milk
Friday - Chicken Filet, Corn, Broccoli w/Cheese, Roll, Pear half, Milk



Vickie Harrison and Fred Mallory receive awards presented by Jerry Kelley.



Kenneth Nolin receives award presented by Rhet McCollough.

Coffee County SAR to elect officers

Members of the Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, will elect officers to serve during 2003 on November 21 at 11:30 a.m. in The Rawls Hotel, Enterprise.

In addition, Alabama Society President John R. Wallace is scheduled to speak on the subject "Pounds, shillings and pence of the realm of King Charles III."

Officers elected will be sworn during the chapter's December meeting in The Rawls.

The slate to be presented by the nominating committee includes:

Bruce H. Taylor, president; James E. Gilmer, vice president; John Ray Fuller, secretary; Louis D. Kline, treasurer; T. Wilson Luck, historian; Rex Everge, chaplain; Richard A. Kemp II, registrar; and Charles E. Dye, sergeant-at-arms.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

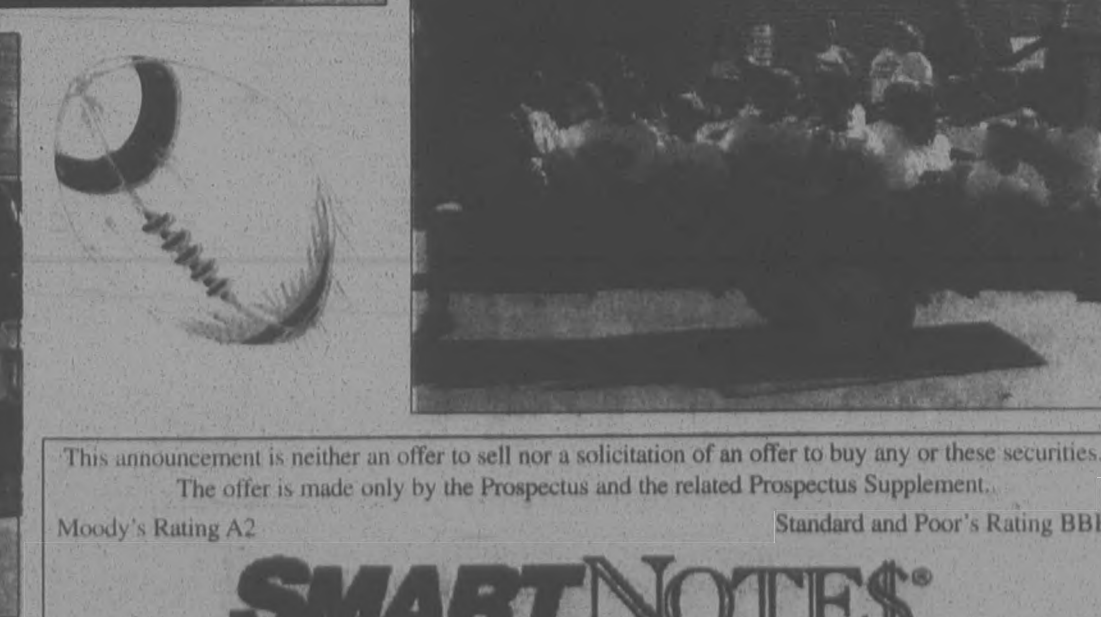
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My family and I thank you for your vote of support, for your encouragement, and for the hospitality you've shown us as we have campaigned across the county.
I look forward to working with you during the next four years to help move Coffee County and Alabama forward.
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SPORTS

Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While growing up in a house filled with brothers, I learned early on the importance of locating a good towel and that on occasion it was possible to use the same towel more than once after taking a shower. Now that I am the only male in the house things have changed drastically; however, and many mornings I spend as much time hunting for a towel as I do drying off. I know that girls have to use one towel to dry off, another towel for cover as they head to the bedroom and another to help dry their hair, but it would help me if they would return at least one back to the bathroom for dear old Dad to use. Oh well, I guess a damp towel is better than no towel at all.

TAKING A QUICK PEEK AT AREA SPORTS ACTION...

*** The Brantley Bulldogs survived a first round battle against Frisco City to advance to the second round of the Class 1A football playoffs, and this week the Bulldogs will get to stay at home once again when they host Autaugaville. The Bulldogs made more than enough turnovers to lose in last week's 9-8 win over the Whippets, but were bailed out by the Brantley defense and barely escaped a first round ambush. Maybe the hard fought win will bring the 'Dogs back down to earth after their big win over Luverne in week #10, and help them realize that in the playoffs mistakes can often prove to be fatal.

*** The New Brockton Gamecocks held their own against top-ranked Southern Choctaw in last week's 2A playoff opener, but made far too many mistakes to win against a quality opponent and was ousted from the post-season play 38-0 by the talented Indians. The Gamecocks claimed seven wins and earned a playoff berth by running the football, but last week they had problems running against the Indian defense and then watched as the Indians caught more Gamecock passes than did the New Brockton receivers. Sometimes in the playoffs a team simply plays another team that is better and more talented, and that was the case Friday night for the Gamecocks.

*** The opening round of the prep playoffs was filled with exciting games all across the state, and things went pretty much as planned as in the 96 games played the top two seeds won 75 games.

In Class 1A round two match-up

Brantley braces for invasion of Eagles

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to keep their state title hopes alive Friday night when they host the highly-ranked Autaugaville Eagles in the second round of the Class 1A state high school football playoffs.

The Bulldogs will bring a 9-2 record into the match-up and will be coming off a 9-8 opening round win over Frisco City, while the 10th-ranked Eagles will enter with an identical 9-2 slate and defeated American Christian 27-14 in its playoff opener.

"We learned how to win last season," said Autaugaville's Coach Trey Baggett, in a press conference, "and the biggest thing is that we now have confidence. We got in the weight room, bulked up and now the kids know they're just as strong or stronger than anyone else.

That gives us a certain attitude every time out."

"The kids take pride in the defense," added Coach Baggett. "That has become the identity of the team - the physicalness of the defense. We've got 11 strikers on defense and we come at you every second."

Baggett led the Eagles to a 9-1 record and into the third round of the 1A playoffs last season, and this season the high-flying Eagles have posted wins over Billingsley 21-19, Reelton 37-7, Thorby 13-7, Verbena 28-16, Maplesville 14-0, St. Jude 50-20, Lanett 43-0, Calhoun 62-0 and American Christian 27-14. The two losses were to undefeated Isabella 29-26 and to 4A power Wetumpka 21-6.

There were five #4 seeds that upset top seeds. However, all in all the seedings proved to be correct. A few games worth mentioning saw McKenzie clobber Arton 63-0 in Class 1A; Slocomb surprise Leroy 12-6 in Class 2A; T.R. Miller blank Dadeville 35-0 in Class 3A; Ashford get past Jackson 28-12 in Class 4A; Eufaula fall to Fairhope 24-13 and Charles Henderson get pounded by St. Paul 40-0 in Class 5A; and Enterprise ousted by Jeff Davis 21-14 in Class 6A. Pike County, Straughn and T.R. Miller all won their openers to advance from Class 3A, Region 1, and that once again proved just how good the region really was.

*** If you are looking for a playoff game near by to watch this week there are a number of games within easy driving distance. Autaugaville at Brantley will be a real head-knocker in the 1A ranks, while in 2A Luverne will host Washington County and Houston Academy will host defending state champ Gordo. Up in the 3A circles T.R. Miller will be at home against Tarrant, while in 4A Daleville will host (10-1) Dallas County. There are still plenty of playoff games in the area for fans to see, and I will probably join you in the bleachers this week to watch one myself.

*** I know it's hard to believe, but the high school basketball season is just around the corner, and this year there will be two tournaments held over the Thanksgiving holiday for fans to enjoy. Four boys teams and four girls teams will compete down at Kinston in the Bulldogs' second annual event with four games scheduled each day, while over in New Brockton eight boys and eight girls teams will battle in a single-elimination tourney. The air may not be quite as crisp and clean in a gym as it is in the bleachers at the football game. However, the action will be just as exciting as the teams change sports.

*** Alabama, Auburn and Troy State all claimed wins last week in college action, and just maybe the three state teams are hitting their strides at just the right time. The Crimson Tide had to fight for all four quarters before getting past a gutsy Mississippi State team, while Auburn played some rag-tag small college out of Monroe, Louisiana and Troy State whipped up on another Division I-AA opponent for its third win of the season. The biggest games, on each teams schedules are still yet to come, and I guess football may not be over after all.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREP PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator slipped in the office early over the weekend and stated that even though the Elba Tigers didn't make this year's high school football playoffs, the post-season party could prove to be one of the most exciting ever for area football fans. The

local guessperts did have to cancel his plans to watch the expected Eufaula-Homewood battle in 5A after the Tigers were upset in the opening round by Fairhope, but did point to several good second round games close by and said that this week he would sit in the stands and might even watch the halftime show. Oh yeah, the Polish Prognosticator hit on 39 of 49 picks last week to move to 315-61 for the season, and before leaving this week did leave his week two picks.

BRANTLEY VS. AUTAUGAVILLE

The Bulldogs' bark was much worse than their bite on offense last week in a slim opening round win and this week the Crenshaw County canines must deal with an invasion of Eagles that have been flying high all season. While there is little doubt the 'Dogs defense can more than hold its own against any opponent, Brantley's offense managed to score a total of only seven points in its two losses, and this week may face its toughest challenge yet. After four quarters of head knocking...

AUTAUGAVILLE 14 BRANTLEY 13

OTHER PICKS:

McKenzie 29 Reelton 8
Maplesville 27 Cottonwood 12
Isabella 34 Millry 8
Southern Choctaw 22 Highland Home 6
Gordo 20 Houston Academy 17
Fultondale 21 Slocomb 6
Washington County 22 Luverne 20
Pike County 32 Oak Grove 21
Montgomery Academy 17 Aliceville 16
Tarrant 16 T.R. Miller 10
Springville 21 Straughn 16
UMS-Wright 28 Handley 7
Daleville 22 Dallas County 15
Trinity 17 Thomasville 10
Demopolis 41 Ashford 0
B.C. Rain 24 McAdory 7
Homewood 37 Fairhope 16
Williamson 31 Benjamin Russell 28
Briarwood Christian 28 St. Paul's 7
Central, Phenix City 28 Davidson 10
Vigor 28 Jeff Davis 14
Opelika 24 Daphne 21
Prattville 17 McGill-Toolen 6

State high school football playoffs enter second round Friday night

CLASS 1A

McKenzie (11-0) at Reelton (8-3)
Autaugaville (9-2) at Brantley (9-2)
Cottonwood (5-6) at Maplesville (6-5)
Isabella (11-0) at Millry (7-4)
Clay County (11-0) at Addison (8-3)
Courtland (9-1) at Cedar Bluff (10-1)
Wadley (10-1) at Parrish (10-1)
Ragland (10-1) at Hazlewood (10-1), Town Creek

CLASS 2A

Highland Home (10-1) at Southern Choctaw (10-0), Silas Gordo (9-2) at Houston Academy (10-1), Northcutt Field, Dathan Washington County (10-1) at Luverne (8-3)
Slocomb (10-1) at Fultondale (8-3)
Eufyfe (10-1) at Lineville (8-3)
Horton (9-2) at Olathe (8-2)
Weaver (9-2) at Pisgah (10-1)
Red Bay (10-1) at Randolph County (6-5), Wedowee

CLASS 3A

Pike County (10-1) at Oak Grove (9-2)
Aliceville (8-3) at Montgomery Academy (9-2)
Straughn (9-2) at Springville (9-2)
Tarrant (10-1) at T.R. Miller (7-3), Brewton
Litchfield (10-1) at Lauderdale County (9-2), Rogersville
Central-Florence (8-3) at Dora (10-0)
Oneonta (10-1) at West Morgan (11-0), Trinity
Colbert County (9-2) at Plainview (7-4)

CLASS 4A

Handley (9-2) at UMS-Wright (10-1), Mobile
Dallas County (10-1) at Daleville (9-2)
Thomasville (9-2) at Trinity (11-0), Montgomery
Ashford (9-2) at Demopolis (11-0)
Boaz (9-2) at Cherokee County (6-5), Centre
Brooks (10-1) at Cleburne County (11-0), Heflin
Chelsea (8-3) at North Jackson (11-0), Stevenson
Emma Sansom (10-1) at Desher (10-1), Tusculumbia

CLASS 5A

B.C. Rain (11-0) at McAdory (9-2)
Homewood (10-1) at Fairhope (7-4)
Williamson (8-3) at Benjamin Russell (9-2), Alexander City
Sportsplex
Briarwood Christian (9-1) at St. Paul's (7-4), Mobile
Athens (7-4) at Albertville (8-3)
Hartselle (9-2) at Etowah (7-3), Attalla
Pleasant Grove (8-3) at Cullman (7-4)
Russellville (11-0) at Mortimer Jordan (8-3)

CLASS 6A

Central-Phenix City (10-1) at Davidson (10-1), Ladd-Peebles
Stadium, Mobile
Jeff Davis (8-2) at Vigor (11-0), Prichard
Opelika (11-0) at Daphne (8-3)
Prattville (10-1) at McGill-Toolen (7-4), Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile
Thursday
Clay-Chalkville (8-3) at Tuscaloosa County (8-3), Northport
Minor (9-2) at Hoover (9-1), Hoover Met Stadium
Parker (10-1) at Mountain Brook (11-0)
Decatur (7-4) at Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa (7-4)

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SPORTS

Bulldog defense rises to challenge

Brantley survives opening round with 9-8 win

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

"Those boys have been grain fed" was a comment heard from the fans on the fence Friday night when the Frisco City Whippets took the field to battle the Brantley Bulldogs in the opening round of the Class 1A state football playoffs.

That comment was true since the visitors from Frisco City were big, fast and well coached. However, the Brantley players also matched that description and the Bulldog defense was up to the task and the offense scored just enough points to win as the 'Dogs advanced to second round action with an exciting 9-8 win.

Neither offense was able to mount a threat in the opening half as the two teams exchanged punts. Frisco City got the first break of the night early in the second quarter when the snap on a Brantley punt attempt sailed far over the head of Brantley's Cedric Jones and resulted in a 35-yard loss that set Frisco City up with a first and goal at the Bulldog seven-yardline.

Tavoris Hill went around the right end on the next play for a Whippet touchdown, and Hill also ran in the two-point conversion as Frisco City grabbed an 8-0 lead with 11:09 remaining in the second quarter.

Two plays later Frisco City's Rob Lett recovered a Brantley fumble at the Bulldog 38-yardline to put the Whippets right back in business, but this time the Brantley defense rose to the challenge and regained possession on downs at the Brantley 32.

The defenses dominated play for the remainder of the half as the next five possessions ended in punts. Two of Frisco City's punts were blocked by the Bulldogs to give Brantley a chance to get on the scoreboard late in the half, and the second block by Tim Kelley was scooped up by Marcel Stamps and was returned to the Frisco City seven-yardline.

Three plays netted only two



Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) bursts through a hole in the Frisco City defense in state playoff action last week. Helping open the hole with a pancake block on a Whippet lineman is Brantley's Wallace Kelley (55).

yards, however, and on fourth down Cedric Jones came in and booted a 22-yard field-goal, as the Bulldogs salvaged three points off the turnover and cut the Frisco City lead to 8-3 with only 1:30 left in the half.

The two defenses continued to dominate play in the second half as five possessions ended in turnovers.

The first turnover was an interception by Brantley's Cassin Wiley at the Bulldog 49-yardline, and one play after the turnover Channing Spivey lofted a 39-yard pass to Brian Kervin that set the Bulldogs up at the Frisco City six-yardline. Jimmy Mitchell got the handoff on third down and bulled over from two yards out for a Brantley touchdown, and even though a two-point pass fell incomplete, the Bulldogs owned their first lead of the game at 9-8 with 1:31 remaining in the third quarter.

Brantley turned the ball over

on its next possession as Frisco City's Rob Lett came up with his second fumble recovery of the night, and the Whippets' offense came back to life following the turnover and marched to the Brantley 23-yardline before the Bulldogs' Channing Spivey intercepted a Whippet pass to turn back the scoring threat.

Brantley's Devaris Skanes took a pitch two plays later and raced 45 yards to the Frisco City 20-yardline, but after reaching a first down and goal at the eight, the Bulldogs lost another fumble to kill the scoring opportunity.

Brantley's Cedric Brundidge claimed the third Bulldog interception of the game on the ensuing possession to hand the ball over to the offense at midfield with 2:49 left on the clock, and the Bulldogs rushed for a pair of first downs to run out the clock and claim the hard fought 9-8 playoff win.

STATISTICS

	B	8	1st Downs	FC	6
Rushes-Yds.	37-101	22-102			34-92
Passing Yds.	52	153			11
Total Offense	103	153			4-11-3
Passes	29-0	38			44
Return Yds.	3	3			0
Fumbles Lost	1-5	4-34			6-19
Penalties-Yds.	4-21				
Punts-Ave.	6-19				



The New Brockton Marching Gamecock Band made the long trip to Southern Choctaw last week and performed at halftime during the 2A playoff game.



New Brockton's Tanner Medley (51) drags down an Indians runner as teammates Randy Danford (34) and Lanorris Smith (88) close in to help.

Makes early exit from 2A playoffs

New Brockton blanked by top-ranked Indians 38-0

Story and photos by Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their most successful season under the guidance of Coach Shannon Clark come to an end Friday night as the state's top ranked Southern Choctaw Indians scalped the Gamecocks 38-0 in the "Reservation in Choctaw County."

The loss ousted the Gamecocks from the Class 2A high school playoffs and left New Brockton with a final record of 7-4. However, the loss did little to dampen the success of the season for New Brockton as the Gamecocks earned a playoff berth for the first time in three years and regained the county football championship.

New Brockton was truly outmanned on the night, but did move the football on a couple of occasions only to see the drives either stall or end with turnovers. Senior quarterback Joe Sawyer connected on 2 of 5 passes in the game for 23 yards and one interception, but the interception was costly as it was

returned 86 yards for a touchdown. Tyler Simmons ended the year with a 67 yard performance on 14 carries, while senior running back Ray Magwood closed out his Gamecock career by gaining 11 yards on 10 carries.

New Brockton was led on defense by Tyler Simmons, Randy Danford and brothers Dusty and Tanner Medley with eight tackles each, while Simmons also recorded one sack.

The Gamecocks took the ball to open the game and looked to be in good shape after a 23-yard run by Tyler Simmons gave New Brockton a first down at the Indian 30-yardline. Four plays later the Gamecocks turned the ball over on downs against the aggressive Southern Choctaw defense at the Indian 23-yardline, and from there it took the Indians only five plays to cover the distance to the end zone.

A 69-yard pass helped the Indians reach the Gamecock 8-yardline, while the score came two plays later to put Southern Choctaw ahead 6-0 with 8:07 remaining in the opening quarter.

Trailing 12-0 midway through the second quarter, the Gamecocks went into an unusual formation that saw all the offensive linemen flanked to the left and Ray Magwood lined up at quarterback. Magwood hit Tyler Simmons with a 55-yard pass that set the Gamecocks up at the Southern Choctaw 13-yardline, but two plays later the Indians stepped in front of a Joe Sawyer pass and returned the interception 86 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point gave the Indians a 19-0 lead with 6:23 left in the half, and Southern Choctaw added a late

score to go in at intermission with a solid 25-0 advantage.

Southern Choctaw scored its first touchdown of the second half on a 25-yard run that capped off a long Indian march, and scored its final points of the night on a 66-yard interception return to claim the 38-0 playoff win over the Gamecocks.

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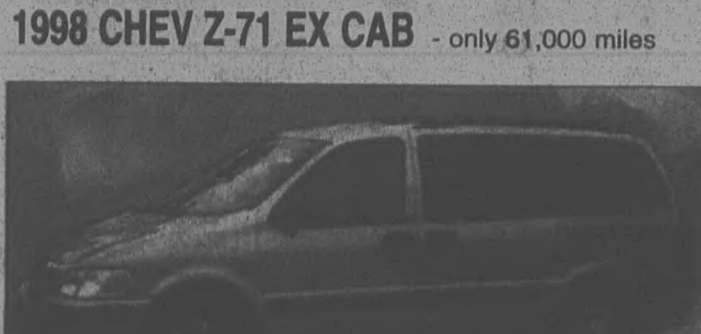
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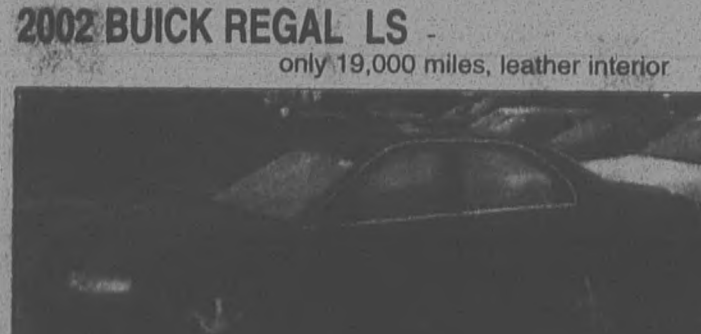
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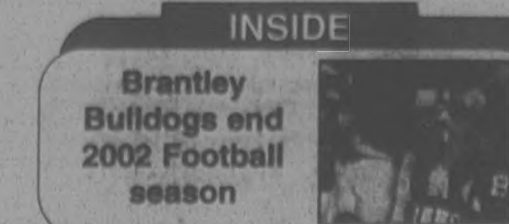
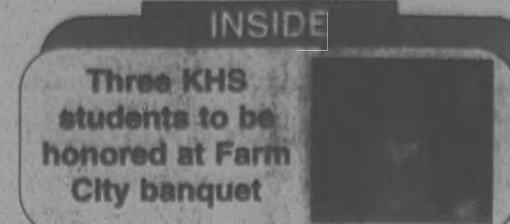


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Official presentation of award set for Thursday, Nov. 21

EDSCO Fasteners named Business of the Year for 2002 Coffee County Farm City Week

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The 2002 Coffee County Farm City Week committee held a press conference last Tuesday, Nov. 12, to announce this year's award winners in several different categories, and an Elba business received one of those honors.

EDSCO Fasteners of Elba was named Business of the Year by the Farm City Week committee, and the award will officially be given to owner Daniel Stephens and his wife, Rhonda, during the annual Farm City Banquet tonight (Nov. 21) at the Coffee County Farm Center.

Stephens joined Edwin Gannon in opening EDSCO in October of 1992 after the two men realized a need for a fastener distributor in Coffee County. From the beginning, EDSCO distributed nuts, bolts and screws, and a couple of years after opening, the business expanded after the owners purchased their first threader to begin manufacturing anchor bolts, studs, tie rods and similar items for the construction industry.

In 1997, Stephens was given the opportunity to purchase Gannon's interest in the company, and through the years the company has continuously grown. This is evident through the 4,000 square foot expansion of the warehouse and manufacturing facility since EDSCO first opened in '92.

Today, EDSCO Fasteners specializes in manufacturing, construction and maintenance. It has a large inventory of Grade 2, 5 and 8 stainless steel and structural bolts, threaded rod and rivets in addition to many specialty items.

"After suffering the effects of Hurricane Opal, the flood of 1998 and a decline in the economy, they have steadily negotiated with their suppliers to diversify their inventory and add some of the best lines in the fastener industry," Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, said while announcing EDSCO as the award recipient. "EDSCO

stands ready to service their customers' every need and pride themselves on the fact that good service is the key ingredient to their past and future success."

Again, the award will officially be presented during the 2002 Coffee County Farm City Banquet which will be held this evening (Nov. 21) at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Other awards to be presented include: Farm of Distinction; Livestock Production; ConAgra Broiler Producer of the Year; Wayne Farms - Brainerd Grower of the Year; Wayne Farms - Pallet Grower of the Year; Wayne Farms - Hen Grower of the Year; Industry of the Year; Peanut Awards; Cotton Award; Forestry Award; Outstanding Conservation Farmer; and several outstanding youth of Coffee County will be honored.



During a recent press conference, EDSCO Fasteners of Elba was named the Business of the Year by the 2002 Coffee County Farm City Week committee. The award was presented to Daniel and Rhonda Stephens (center), owners, by Elba Mayor James Grimes (left) and Elba Chamber of Commerce executive director Kaye Whitworth (right). EDSCO, along with other award recipients, will officially be honored tonight (Nov. 21) during the annual Farm City Banquet.

Docket call trims case load for Elba Division Criminal Jury Term

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A term of criminal court for the Elba Division of Coffee County has been scheduled for the week of Dec. 2, 2002.

On Thursday, Nov. 14, attorneys and judges assembled in the courtroom at the Elba Courthouse for a docket call on the cases set for trial. After this docket call, the total number of cases set for trial beginning Monday, Dec. 2, had slimmed quite a bit with many choosing other actions.

The following is a list of the defendants, their charges and the disposition in each case that was either set for trial, a plea entered, the case continued or it was dismissed:

State of Alabama vs. Susan Holderfield alias Susan Holderfield Harrison; charged with distribution of a controlled substance; motion to dismiss.

State of Alabama vs. Otis Daniels; charged with discharging a gun in an occupied building; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Otis LaVaughn Daniels; charged with robbery, first degree; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Davis Ray Roberts; charged with manslaughter; a plea was entered in this case.

State of Alabama vs. Cathy Burks Lockett; charged with possession of marijuana, first degree; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Jeffery Mex Lane; charged with possession of marijuana, first degree; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Andy Bowers; charged with receiving stolen property, second degree; case continued.

State of Alabama vs. Andy Bowers; charged with receiving stolen property, second degree (two counts); case continued.

State of Alabama vs. Larry Paul Siler; charged with theft, first degree; case set for a plea to be entered or for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Michael D. Bailey; charged with possession of a firearm with alt.; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; charged with possession of marijuana, first degree; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Thomas Michael Clark; charged with possession of marijuana, second degree; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; charged with possession of methamphetamine; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Greg T. Driggers; charged with possession of marijuana, second degree; charged with possession of marijuana, second degree; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; case continued.

State of Alabama vs. Brandy Streetman; charged with possession of methamphetamine; a plea was entered in this case.

State of Alabama vs. Shane Wilson Meeks; charged with possession of marijuana, second degree; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Mary O'Neal Myers; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; charged with possession of methamphetamine; a plea was entered in this case.

State of Alabama vs. Kenneth Lynn Sinner; charged with theft, first degree (2 counts); case dismissed.

State of Alabama vs. Kenneth Paul McLendon Jr.; charged with possession of methamphetamine; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Lamar McGee; charged with theft, first degree; case set for a plea to be entered or for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Michael D. Bailey; charged with possession of a firearm with alt.; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; charged with possession of marijuana, first degree; case continued.

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State of Alabama vs. Eric Hill; charged with distribution of marijuana; case continued.

State of Alabama vs. Joshua Paul Morgan; charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance; case set for a plea to be entered or for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Willie Paul Mitchell; charged with burglary, third degree; case set for trial.

State of Alabama vs. Tony Terrell Burks; charged with burglary, third degree; case continued.

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Area Happenings

COFFEE COUNTY FARM CITY BANQUET will be held Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m., at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton. Dinner will be served, and awards will be given. For ticket information, call the Coffee County Extension office at 894-5506.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS sign up dates in Elba will be Monday, Nov. 4, until Friday, Nov. 22, at the Elba Recreation Department or Department of Human Resources.

A COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held Sunday, Nov. 24, 6 p.m., at the First Assembly of God Church on Highland Drive in Elba. Everyone is asked to bring canned food items for the Christian Mission.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting 24th and 25, 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Offices will reopen Monday, Nov. 25, at 8 a.m. Standby crews will be available for any emergency with electric, water, street or sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Dept. at 897-1553. Garbage schedule is as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - No Change; Thursday garbage - pick up Friday - cans should be on the road before 6 a.m.

THE ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB will meet Monday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m., in the boy's locker room at Elba High School. All members are encouraged to attend.

NOTICE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, The Elba Clipper will observe special deadlines for the Nov. 28th edition of the newspaper.

The deadline for Church and Social News will be Friday, Nov. 22, at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all other news will be Monday, Nov. 25, at 12 Noon.

The deadline for all advertising also will be Monday, Nov. 25, at 12 Noon.

The Elba Clipper will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, for Thanksgiving.